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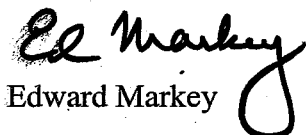
The Honorable Ernest Hollings, Chairman  
The Honorable John McCain, Ranking Member  
Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation  
The Honorable Don Young, Chairman  
The Honorable James Oberstar, Ranking Member  
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Dear Senators Hollings and McCain, and Representatives Young and Oberstar:

We are writing to urge you and the conference committee on aviation security legislation to adopt the earliest possible deadline for the Federal Aviation Administration to implement the 100% screening of ALL checked baggage. Everyday that goes by without examining each piece of luggage that enters a plane, is another day Americans will fear flying, or even worse, be exposed to a possible terrorist attack. The war against terrorism is urgent, and Congress must set deadlines that reflect that urgency. A commitment by the Congress and by the Administration to adhere to the strictest of schedules will help restore to the American people some of the confidence that was lost on September 11.

Please accept our recommendations representing the concerns of our constituents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We know that your leadership on this issue is invaluable and gives Massachusetts and the country a great deal of confidence.

Sincerely,


  
Edward Markey

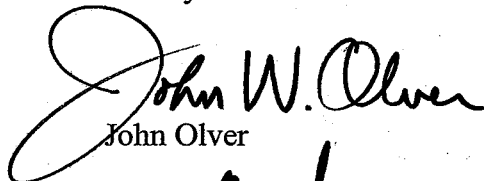
  
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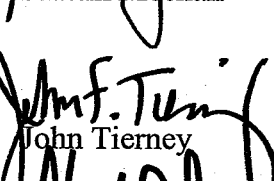
  
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